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ORIGIN

1. At a recent meeting between ministerial presidents and other leading German personalities on the one hand and Marshal Sokolovsky and his political adviser Koval on the other, it was determined that the Central Administrations of the Russian Zone should be given authority in the future not only to plan certain central tasks but also to execute these plans through the media of decrees and centralized instructions. The reason for this announcement (that has already been repeatedly uttered and equally often repealed) was above all to be found in the desire to create, for the occasion of the Moscow Conference, a counterweight and equal contractor to the joint Administration Office of the Lands
2. In connection with the organizational measures relative to the foregoing (which have, inter alia, already led to the preparation by the Central Administration of measures for centralized procedure), the development of a system of State distribution and procurement offices according to Russian precepts is being driven forward with the utmost speed, in particular the formation of further industrial bureaux. The object is the widest possible elimination of free trading in order to anchor the Russian distributory system as firmly as possible, thereby ensuring future influence on the distribution of raw materials, half-finished goods and accessories in favor of nationalized concerns, cooperative societies and similar organizations. Already now the nationalized concerns are given priority to the widest extent in the case of distribution of raw material imports from the Ruhr and are assisted by the allocation of machines, ancillary materials, power and so forth. In free trading circles, however, particularly in the non-Russian occupied areas, they apparently enjoy comparatively little support so that the administrations of Land-owned concerns in Saxony have already prohibited their members to broadcast the fact that their concerns have been nationalized.

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